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A helping hand ...

Volunteers from Hanscom serve a hot meal to veterans during Operation Stand Down. The operation was a two-day event held in Boston. See story on page 3.

AWACS tech manuals go online

by Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer
ESC Public Affairs

The Airborne Warning and Control System Program Office here reached a major milestone when the 962nd Airborne Aircraft Control Squadron at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, achieved initial operating capability status of the E-3 Integrated Technical Order Online System.

In October 1997, the program office along with the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center AWACS Engineering Branch at Tinker AFB, Okla., established a vision to support its user with online, up-to-date and state-of-the-art electronic technical manuals. On Aug. 3 that vision was achieved.

The online system is projected to make more than 150,000 pages of 275 AWACS technical orders available on the web by the end of 2002.

Driving the migration to an interactive online system was an integrated product team consisting of military acquisition, equipment specialists and flightline technicians working hand in hand with civilian contractors, according to Bruce Brooke, TRW program manager. "Most of the capabilities were investigated, designed and tested by members of our team," he said.

The monumental task of converting all the data from paper into a computer language called Standard Generalized Markup Language was the responsibility of personnel from TRW Inc., CACI ASG, Veridian and Advanced Engi-

neering and Research Associates.

Chief Master Sgt. Lee Carvalho, AWACS technical data project manager at Hanscom said, "This capability is a major milestone for the E-3 AWACS and the Air Force. Our team worked extremely hard to produce this organic capability in such a short time and deliver a very usable system."

"This was a team effort that included our warfighting customers, contractor partners, the AWACS Engineering Branch [at Tinker], along with members of our staff here working together to achieve this objective," said Col. Brad Butler, AWACS Program Office director. "This is another example of how all the members of the acquisition community are coming together to develop better, faster and cheaper solutions for the warfighter."

While providing electronic copies of documents is old news in today's Air Force, the process used by the office is new. Many of the common formats to share documents now in use have serious drawbacks. Some lack the ability to interactively move back and forth between similar bits of data or to instantly link to a complex technical diagram. Others save documents in hefty files that can bring network servers to their knees or require the user to purchase and install additional software viewer.

A very significant achievement of the AWACS system is that it provides access through web

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A-76 studies continue Programs smooth transition process

by Kevin Gilmartin
ESC Public Affairs

Hanscom is preparing for the completion of three competitive sourcing and privatization studies over the next two months, and base officials are offering a number of programs to help employees potentially affected by these studies prepare for the future.

The studies, more commonly known as A-76 studies, capture the cost of operating an organization and allow contractors to bid on performing these functions.

If significant cost savings can be realized over keeping the functions run by government employees, the function is contracted out. If not, the functions continue to be performed by government employees.

Even if the government retains the function, at the end of the study, military members will be reassigned and government civilians will perform the duties. A-76 studies typically last from 18 to 24 months.

Currently, Education and Training, Base Supply and Civil Engineering are under study, with a bid opening for Base Supply held Tuesday (see related story), bid openings for Education and Training Sept. 12, and Civil Engineering sometime in late September.

The goal of an A-76 study is to determine the most efficient and cost effective operation through cost comparison procedures, according to Marie McClanahan, ESC's deputy chief of Manpower and Organizations and A-76 program manager.

"Understandably, there is a lot of uncertainty for employees in organizations undergoing an A-76 study, because they are facing the possibility of losing their jobs or seeing their orga-

nization change," said Ms. McClanahan, who heads the A-76 Steering Committee. "To help them prepare for those possibilities, we have been holding regular town meetings with employees right in their organization to address their questions and concerns up front."

The Family Support Center has been working closely with the A-76 Steering Committee to help employees prepare for any A-76 outcome and to cope with the stresses associated with the A-76 process. The FSC has offered a variety of classes to organizations currently under A-76 study, including "Interviewing Skills," "Salary Negotiation," "How to Dress for an Interview," "Resume Preparation," "How to Find a Federal Job," "Stress Management" and "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career."

"One goal of the classes has been to give employees the tools, resources, and knowledge needed to find alternative employment, should that be necessary," said Dr. Sondra Albano, FSC director. "Another very important goal has been to provide employees with practical strategies to handle the daily stresses and strains associated with the uncertainties produced by A-76."

The FSC also offers the following services to individuals:

- ☐ Review of personal and career goals
- ☐ Career assessment instruments to assist with job focus
- ☐ Development of job search plan of action
- ☐ Demonstration of resources to locate federal and private sector job openings
- ☐ Help completing and refining resumes
- ☐ Assistance completing job applications

The FSC also makes available a number of resources which can help potentially affected employees, including a lending library of books and videos on job search skills, a reference library with extensive job research information and eight Internet-accessible computers on which employees can search for federal and private sector jobs, post their resumes or prepare applications for employment.

The FSC resources are available to DoD civilians, military members, retirees and their families. To register for a class or make an appointment for individual services, employees should call the FSC at 377-4222, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Results released for study in Supply

The Hanscom Base Supply Function Cost Comparison was accomplished Tuesday. The tentative decision is to accomplish the Base Supply function "in-house." A final decision is pending completion of a 30-day review/appeal period and resolution of any appeal.

Straight Talk

Straight Talk provides two-way communication between the 66th Air Base Wing commander and people on base.

A 24 hour-a-day telephone line and E-mail account (Hanscom STRAIGHT TALK) are set up as ways for Hanscom's population to submit questions, complaints or comments, anonymously, if desired. All concerns are personally reviewed by the wing commander.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to communicate comments or complaints is to go right to the source. To assist you, we've listed points of contact and telephone numbers for several key support organizations.

Also, don't forget your supervisor, commander or first sergeant. They're there to help you.

If you are not satisfied with the



Col. Danny K. Gardner
66th Air Base Wing commander

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Commentary

SF registration

Comment: I noticed in the Hansconian there was an article about the Security Forces office having a drive-through registration office that will be held at the Base Exchange.

I'm wondering why the Security Forces don't use the building that was built specifically for registrations by the clinic gate.

This building is just sitting here now wasted.

Response: There are plans in the works for the building next to the Vandenberg gate to again be a full time visitor center.

This office will only issue temporary visitor passes.

The pass and registration section in Bldg. 1305

will remain the primary location for vehicle stickers to be issued.

The current initiative at the base gates, the Base Exchange and the pizza/sub shop is above and beyond what the pass and ID section offers.

The Air Force requires that all personnel who live or work onbase to register their vehicle within five days of their arrival.

This includes placing the sticker on the windshield.

Many personnel currently do not do this and it adds to the congestion at the gates as these personnel must stop and show their ID card upon entering.

We thank you for the suggestion and assure you we are only trying to make it easier for everyone to be in compliance with the Air Force Instruction and consequently, speed up traffic at the gates.

Gen. Jumper: *Staying in touch with public is part of AF mission*

by Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Combat Command

Langley AFB, Va. — Every airman deserves to feel a great sense of pride serving his or her country every day. We all show our pride by our selfless duty in heeding our nation's call around the globe and keeping our nation free. We also wear our pride on our uniform.

When most Americans think of the Air Force they think about our great men and women in uniform. Our uniform helps define us; it's what sets us apart.

So, what better way to stay in touch with the public than making our uniform more visible to them? Actions as simple as wearing your uniform when you travel on official business, when visiting family and friends can go a long way in cementing a partnership with the American people.

Time and time again I hear stories of Air Force airmen who, because they were wearing their uniform, were approached by people just wanting to simply say, "thank you for serving our country." In turn, these airmen have taken the opportunity to share their pride in serving the

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Air Combat Command commander



Nation." I can't think of a more rewarding experience that shows people do care about us, and that they appreciate our willingness to put ourselves in harm's way to protect their freedom.

We have great people in this country that would love to be part of the Air Force, to be part of something bigger than themselves. However, their knowledge of what the Air Force is all about is often limited by what they see. Wouldn't it be nice if our uniform was seen by more people who could join us and be

our future leaders?

We're very fortunate to have the support of our communities. It's up to all of us to build upon that foundation. It's everyone's responsibility to help ensure the public understands the role the Air Force plays in our national defense.

Aerospace power is pivotal to the success of U.S. military commanders, both in peacetime and in war. We shouldn't be shy about telling people this fact. We certainly shouldn't be shy about showing them our uniform.

Military Training Day set for Sept. 1

The training for Sept. 1 is:

❑ Airman's Manual, Section 4, Fight -- After the Fight

After the attack -- conduct battle damage assessment, initiate sweep for Unexploded Ordnance, initiate self-aid and buddy care, notify control centers and leadership immediately of damage, casualties, wounded and mission-impacting damage.

Did you know: Appropriate reactions to aerial flares - seek cover and concealment and assume the prone position immediately. Protect your night vision by closing or covering one eye while observing with the other. If you don't need to observe, close both eyes. Don't ever look at a burning flare. Don't move until the flare is completely burned out. Be aware that eyes take 30 minutes to adjust to darkness after exposure to light. Report the flare activity to your control center.





photo by Linda LaBonte Britt

Going for a dip ...

Matthew Hawthorne jumps off the diving board at the base swimming pool. The pool will close Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. to prepare for the fall and winter season. It will reopen in October.

ESC gets new Judge Advocate

by 1st Lt. Michelle Faucher
ESC Public Affairs

Col. David M. Pronchick has taken over as the Electronic Systems Center's staff judge advocate.

The former staff judge advocate of the 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M., Colonel Pronchick succeeds Col. Lester K. Katarahara, who retired last month.

Colonel Pronchick has previously served in three different capacities here, including chief of contract support, staff judge advocate of the base legal office and deputy staff judge advocate of ESC.

"I'm thrilled to be back with the finest law office anywhere," said Colonel Pronchick.

He earned his bachelor's degree in criminology at the University of Maryland, followed by a Juris doctorate degree at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, Calif.

He also completed a masters of law degree in government contracts at George Washington University School of Law at Washington, D.C., and a masters of law degree in taxation at Boston University School of Law at Boston, Mass.

Hanscom people help homeless vets

by Chuck Paone
ESC Public Affairs

The eighth annual Massachusetts "Stand Down" was held Aug. 11 and Saturday, and once again volunteer support from Hanscom helped make the event successful.

The Stand Down, designed to serve the needs of homeless veterans, was held in Rotch Park in Boston's South End.

Hanscom provided a number of tents, about 30 cots and all the kitchen equipment needed to prepare meals.

The 66th Civil Engineer Squadron also set up and removed the tents and provided electrical hook-ups.

Hanscom volunteers also prepared and served dinner for the homeless veterans Aug. 11 breakfast the next morning and served a pasta lunch brought in by the city of Boston.

The breakfast, which the Hanscom volunteers started to prepare at 6 a.m. and served right until lunchtime, included 600 eggs, 300 pounds of potatoes, 100 pounds of onions and 1,000 sausages.

"I don't want to see another potato for a long time," joked Donna Tosi of the 66th Air Base Wing Commander's Action Group, who led the Hanscom volunteer effort.

She said, "It was fantastic. Our folks really came through, and we helped a lot of people."

Vernell Baker, coordinator of the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, concurred. "Hanscom did an outstanding job," he said. "Their support was

essential."

Mr. Baker said that about 600 homeless veterans attended all or part of the two-day event. That number, he said, was up from the approximately 500 who came last year. Mr. Baker also noted that the number of homeless female veterans in attendance more than doubled from last year – from 13 to 29.

All of the homeless veterans enjoyed the food and took away nearly all the surplus military clothing on hand. The Department of Defense sets aside the clothing and the Veterans' Administration distributes it.

However Mr. Baker stressed that the real intent of the Stand Down is to help the veterans help themselves. He noted that more than 200 registered for driver's licenses, about 200 visited the housing assistance tents, more than 100 registered to vote and many participated in the job fair.

"It went well, but it's like a double-edge sword," Mr. Baker said. "We're glad it went well, but we wish we could go out of business, that we wouldn't need to do this in the future. Unfortunately, the numbers suggest we'll need to keep doing it."

For the Hanscom volunteers, who gave up a significant amount of free time to help out, the experience was a memorable one.

"You don't realize this is really going on until you see it for yourself," said Airman 1st Class Marsha Taylor of the 66th Medical Group.

"[Volunteering] made me feel happy and sad at the

See Stand Down (page 9)

Security Forces to hold 'D.A.R.E. Day' Thursday

by Areece L. Peak
ESC Public Affairs

Two Drug Abuse Resistance Education officers from the 66th Security Forces Squadron are planning a "D.A.R.E. Day" for young adults, children and their parents at the base movie theater Thursday.

The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

"We will be on hand to answer any questions parents may have concerning the program. The event will provide fun for the kids and parents as well," said Senior Air-

man Maurice Robinson, 66th Security Forces Squadron.

Staff Sgt. Eric Soluri, 66th Security Forces Squadron said, "I feel this is an outstanding opportunity for the parents and children of the Hanscom community to meet with their base D.A.R.E. officers to promote drug awareness."

There will be several movies shown at the base theater on this day. Such movies are Pokemon-The Movie, Galaxy Quest and Star Wars The Phantom Menace.

Also, Hanscom Middle School's essay contest winners for

the 1999 to 2000 school year will be announced.

All movies shown will be free of charge, to include food and drinks, according to Sergeant Soluri.

The officers are also planning to conduct classes, teaching kids to resist drugs and violence at Hanscom Middle School. Classes will be held each Friday during the school year.

For information about D.A.R.E. Day or the program contact Sergeant Soluri or Airman Robinson at 377-4359.

Memorial scheduled for Lt. Col. Vanderwall

Lt. Col. John R. Vanderwall, 52, died from heart failure Aug. 10 while at the Temple University Medical Center in Philadelphia.

A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Hanscom Chapel.

Colonel Vanderwall began his Air Force career as a pilot flying both the E-3 AWACS and KC-135 tanker aircraft. After moving into the acquisition arena, he was responsible for future planning at Cheyenne Mountain in addition to serving two tours at the Pentagon.

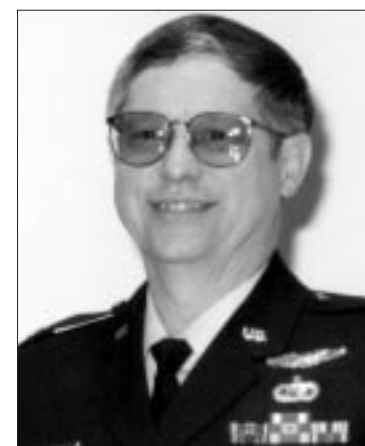
Since September 1999, Colonel Vanderwall was assigned to the United Kingdom and French AWACS program as the lead program manager. During his time, he oversaw the UK Radar System

Improvement Program delivering two aircraft six weeks ahead of schedule. He was also instrumental in the initiation of the French RSIP, an effort that will provide the last of the NATO alliance the expanded capability that was well proven during the recent operations in Kosovo.

He had been on the waiting list for a heart transplant due to complications from a bout with Hodgkins disease earlier in his life.

His wife, Sandra Hope Vanderwall, a son, Aaron and a daughter Sarah survive him.

A fund has been established in Colonel Vanderwall's name at the Temple University Transplant and Cardiology Research Department.



Lt. Col. John R. Vanderwall

Anyone wishing to make a donation to this fund should call Lisa Russo at 377-5771 or Lillian O'Brien at 377-5783.

HEROES

Base park adds five names to monument during annual induction ceremony

Five names were added to the Hanscom Heroes Memorial Park during the annual induction ceremony Monday in the gazebo behind the base clinic.

Built in 1991, the park serves as a living monument to the members of the Hanscom family who served the Hanscom community during their lives.

Each "Hanscom Hero" was honored with a bronze plaque and a tree dedicated to his or her memory.

This year's honorees were: Haik Krikorian, Carmen G. Schipper, Barbara A. Stewart, Richard A. White and Louise Whynock.

Mr. White was born in Woburn, Mass., July 16, 1951.

He married Margaret (Peggy) Prior and had one child, Melissa.

He worked for his father, Arthur, as a plumber's apprentice and slowly moved into positions of responsibility in building trades.

Mr. White's civil service career began in the 3245th Civil Engineer Squadron carpenter shop Aug. 28, 1989.

Mr. White's management potential was quickly realized and he was promoted to work leader within a year.

Mr. White's true potential was tapped when he was promoted to 66th Civil Engineer Squadron's planning section as the structural engineering technician.

Some of the many different projects he helped design and construct are the Health and Wellness Center, Scout House and Community Center.

Mr. White's kindness also reached to the local community by helping Camp Paul design and build facilities needed for handicapped children.

He received many meritorious awards for his endeavors.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy and daughter, Melissa.

Mr. Krikorian was born Nov. 16, 1934 in Aleppo, Syria.

He came to the United States in 1957 and served four years in the Army during

the Korean War.

Mr. Krikorian began his career as a chef while working in his uncle's bakery.

He became a "self-made" chef, receiving no formal education. He acquired his expertise by watching and learning from others.

Mr. Krikorian came to the Hanscom Officers' Club in 1977.

He quickly became a leader in the kitchen. On numerous occasions he would prepare meals for various inspection teams.

As each general and base commander retired or moved on to the next base, Mr. Krikorian was the one

to prepare the perfect farewell meal, which he did with ease and confidence.

Even after his retirement in 1995, Mr. Krikorian returned two days a week to prepare meals for lunch.

His soups and meatloaf became lunch bunch favorites. The staff at the Officers' Club nicknamed him "Daddy" as he became a Dad and friend to all.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, daughter, Lisa and son, Greg.

Mrs. Schipper, not pictured, was born to Joseph and Martina Martinez in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ms. Schipper attended Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., where she majored in psychology and Spanish.

Mrs. Schipper met retired Lt. Col. Tom Schipper while he was a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy, and they married while he was attending undergraduate pilot training at Reese AFB, Texas.

In December of 1978, they arrived in Indiana, where Ms. Schipper enrolled at the

University of Indiana to complete her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Never too busy, she was "Team Mom" for several of her children's soccer and baseball teams and active in the Officers' Wives' Club.

Mrs. Schipper was an extremely dedicated and hard working member of the Hanscom Officers' Wives' Club.

She served first as vice president and then president from 1996 to 1997.

She was unanimously elected to a second term for the 1997 to 1998 board year.

Unfortunately, the term was cut short by her untimely passing due to cancer.

As president, she guided the efforts of the OWC's volunteers in community service, fund-raising, and social programs. She regularly volunteered in the Minuteman Thrift Shop where, under her watchful eye, renovation and expansion created the most profitable year in the shop's history.

She is survived by her husband, Tom, son, Thomas and daughters, Lindsey and Christine.

Ms. Stewart was born April 7, 1930.

She worked her entire life in the restaurant business.

She worked over 30 years beginning her career at the Officers' Club at Hanscom in June 1970 as a cocktail waitress in the Minuteman Lounge and Bedford Dining Room.

Ms. Stewart will always be remembered for her remarkable ability to place a face with a cocktail.

She was a true professional. On numerous protocol functions Ms. Stewart's service was requested to ensure cocktails were

prepared in a quick, professional manner.

Ms. Stewart was the bartender of choice for numerous change of commands, ceremonies, weddings and inspection team visits.

Through the years she trained many bartenders and supervised countless barbacks.

Her remarkable memory, impeccable personal appearance and efficiency made her an asset to the Officers' Club.

Those who knew Ms. Stewart knew that her family was the only thing more important to her than her career.

Her devotion and love for them was the spark that kept Ms. Stewart going.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara and granddaughter, Alexandria.

Mrs. Whynock was born on June 14, 1920, and lived in the Waltham area all of her life.

Mrs. Whynock was married to Stanley Whynock and resided in Waltham, Mass.

Her home life centered around her husband and their springer spaniel.

Her career with the federal government began with the Army in April 1944.

She came to Hanscom in 1947 as a clerk-typist. The experience and knowledge she gained allowed her a variety of job assignments throughout her career.

Mrs. Whynock's experience took her from financial clerk to accounts maintenance clerk, cashier and voucher examiner to the personnel field.

In personnel, she was a military personnel clerk and technician, advising military members on their careers as well as retirement benefits.

After leaving personnel, she went to the 66th Civil Engineer Squadron's real property office.

Mrs. Whynock helped implement the Automated Civil Engineering Support Program in the real property office.

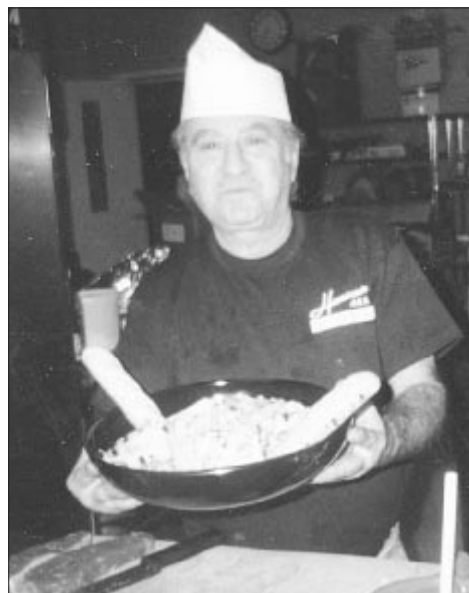
Mrs. Whynock was an active participant in the day-to-day office business until her death.



Richard A. White



Louise Whynock



Haik Krikorian



Barbara A. Stewart

ESC officer battles cancer with running regimen, wins base 5K run

by 1st Lt. Michelle Faucher
ESC Public Affairs

Hurried footfalls could be heard when Capt. Peter B. Philbrick, the chief of advanced command and control systems in the Electronic Systems Center's Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Integration Special Programs Office, won Hanscom's June 5K Fun Run and Walk in spite of his recent bout with cancer.

On April 17, Captain Philbrick was diagnosed with a large brain cyst. Ten days later he had brain surgery at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass., which drained the cyst, removed part of the tumor and produced a biopsy of the cancer. The biopsy came back as a primary malignant grade-four (most aggressive) brain tumor called Glioblastoma multiforme for which there is no known cure at this time.

Captain Philbrick said according to his doctor, usual life expectancy is between one to two years.

Often, those diagnosed with this type of cancer are predominantly elderly and are not active with a running regiment. Right from the start, Captain Philbrick became determined to win this battle by staying active and continue running.

In May, Captain Philbrick began his ongoing treatment at the Massachusetts General Hospital Brain Tumor Center.

The center is part of a consortium, which includes Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School.

From May through June, Captain Philbrick received daily doses of standard radiation, which caused fatigue, swelling in his brain and some seizures. Because of the brain tumor on his right side he doesn't have full use of the left side of his body and there is a constant numbness while he runs.

"Running has always been a large part of my life, where I could generate 40 to 70 miles every week but with my recent illness,

on a 'good' week I can manage 12 miles," said Captain Philbrick.

His motivation to run started in high school when he was preparing himself for the physical activity that encompasses Air Force basic training. Then later in his career the Airmen Education and Commissioning Program helped prepare him for the physical and mental demands of Officer Training School.

"Over the last decade my love for running has been remotivated by a past fellow coworker, Capt. Doug Sersun, and by my father [John Philbrick] a marathoner himself," said Captain Philbrick.

During his career, Captain Philbrick has participated in a multitude of running regiments including Hanscom's monthly 5K Fun Run and Walk in which individuals can participate together as a squadron to win the traveling trophy for the fastest squadron team.

With Captain Philbrick's participation he helped win the traveling trophy eight times out of 14.

Other running accomplishments include: Participation on the 1997 Eikeden relay team, 1997 Marine Corps Marathon, the Boston Marathon twice, the Chicago Marathon once, Hanscom's 10K Battle Road run three times and some competitive running when he was stationed in Atlanta, Ga., and Los Angeles, Calif.

Captain Philbrick continues conquering his cancer with a special radiation treatment, which provides a high-dose radiation

"boost" to the tumor.

He has an outstanding attitude and does not feel the two-year life expectancy encompasses his life.

He has also met informative, experienced people with this similar illness via the Internet address at <http://www.virtualtrials.com/survive.cfm>. Some of them have lived for more than 13 years with a similar diagnosis, which according to the captain is a source of hope. Looking back over the past

months, Captain Philbrick said that one of his most memorable moments was when he was recovering from the brain surgery and Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, ESC commander, called him at Lahey Clinic.

"She has excellent people skills and it was nice to know she could take time out of her busy schedule to call me and wish me well," said Captain Philbrick.

Unfortunately, the day after Independence Day marked a down turn when Captain Philbrick suffered a seizure.

This seizure further impaired his ability to use the left side of his body. Both his gross motor and fine motor skills were effected.

Gross motor skills are responsible for large muscle movements like running and fine motor skills are used for the finer movement of muscles like writing or gripping an object with your hand.

Even with such a major physical obstacle to overcome both he and his fiancée Paige Norton continue running weekly.

He is very optimistic about the three miles that they set out to complete.

"I never knew that a lot of brainwork goes into walking," he said. "Sometimes I feel like I can run better than walk," he added.

With chemotherapy starting, he hopes to continue running and he believes his seizures are under control.

There are many factors contributing to the seizures: the tumor, the operation, the radiation treatment and particularly brain-swelling resulting from some or all of those. He is on an antiseizure medication, while he and the hospital staff at Massachusetts General Hospital are watching blood tests carefully, monitoring for safe medication levels.

He is interested in being rehabilitated on his left side and is anticipating that he will soon start physical therapy at the base clinic.

Depending on his condition and his doctor's consent he is considering participation in the Boston Marathon next spring. "Maybe I'll run for Dana Farber, or The Brain Tumor Society," he said.

Captain Philbrick feels this year has been the best year of his life and it has changed him significantly. He described himself as a person who always had a five-year plan and with his current circumstances he has found comfort in taking life in stride one day at a time. Although, he said his calendar is full for the next month he noted he has left it blank for the most of the year.

Some words of wisdom from Captain Philbrick, "A lot of people have trouble talking to people about stuff like this and as a personal statement, no one should hesitate to say anything to me."

Captain Philbrick stresses, "Don't be delicate with me. I'm a bull in a china shop when it comes to this and sometimes I have to remember to be delicate with others about how I talk about it."

It is the same aggressive style he displayed as he crossed the finish line during the last Fun Run. It is also one of the reasons that he's not only winning another Fun Run but he's also winning his war with cancer.

"Don't be delicate with me. I'm a bull in a china shop when it comes to this and sometimes I have to remember to be delicate with others about how I talk about it."

Capt. Peter B. Philbrick

Security Forces Desk Blotter

by Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Comber
66th Security Forces Squadron

The Police Corner is a synopsis of significant activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received from July 13 to 20.

Reports and Incidents

- ❑ Security Forces responded to and investigated three hit-and-run accidents on base.
- ❑ Security Force members assisted the Bedford Police Department in a domestic violence altercation in the FamCamp area.
- ❑ Security Force members detained an individual for shoplifting at the Commissary.
- ❑ Security Force members responded to base billeting and detained an individual for committing a simple assault against another individual.
- ❑ The Bedford Police Department assisted Security Forces in the return of a missing person.
- ❑ Security Forces responded and assisted in a major vehicle accident. Both individuals were backing up at the same time and ran into each other.
- ❑ Security Force members responded and assisted in a minor vehicle accident inside the Auto Hobby Shop. The individual's brakes had malfunctioned and the vehicle hit a pole inside the garage.
- ❑ Security Force members responded to base housing and took appropriate action for a person receiving harassing phone calls.
- ❑ Security Forces responded to an incident involving damage to government property inside a base dormitory. A smoke detector was pushed through the ceiling and an emergency light fixture was torn off the wall.

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Tip of the Week ... *It's summer, so be careful while driving on the base and watch for young children in the streets.*

Mentoring program scholars receive awards

by Skip Almon
Air Force Research Laboratory

Air Force Research Laboratory's Battle Space Environment Division, Space Vehicles Directorate, presented special act and service awards to four people Aug. 2.

These awards recognize the scientific efforts of people participating in the mentoring program.

David Hardy, division chief of the Battlespace Environment Division, presented the scholars with certificates for their scientific achievements and proposed they consider the Air Force as a career choice in research and development.

The scholars then presented 20-minute poster pre-

sentations on the results of their research.

The Space Scholars Program, an eight- to 12-week summer research program sponsored by the Space Vehicles Directorate and Air Force Office of Scientific Research, is for talented undergraduate and graduate level students interested in pursuing careers in aerospace fields and provides science students an environment where they can experience the quality of research performed at AFRL.

This year's award winners were: Meghann F. Campos, University of Colorado, Angela M. Colman, Montana State University, Kim A. Fakinski, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Merissa A. Rudkin, Boston University.

AFRL student program accepts best, brightest

Kirtland AFB, N.M. — With warm days and the children out of school, many of us vacationed this summer at the beach, camped in the mountains or just caught up on projects around the house.

But if you were a top student at one of this country's best engineering schools, you might have spent it working at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Space Vehicles Directorate as part of an innovative initiative that introduces students to potential careers in space technologies of the future.

"And it is precisely the future that our newly-instituted Space Scholars' Program addresses — both the students' and the Laboratory's," said Janet Fender, AFRL Chief Scientist for space vehicles research and development.

The Space Scholar's Program invites promising undergraduate and graduate science and engineering students to participate in a unique summer program that could lead to graduate fellowships and full-time employment.

"The Air Force is looking for a 'few good men and women' to eventually fill the ranks of today's researchers who are beginning to think about retirement," explained Dr. Fender.



Courtesy photo

University of New Mexico's Corey Duncan studies the effects of bending composite materials. Mr. Duncan is a mechanical engineering major and became a Space Scholar to investigate future employment possibilities with AFRL.

"Consequently, it is imperative that we plan for the Laboratory's future now by attracting a new generation of highly qualified graduates for upcoming research jobs. And this summer we have been especially pleased with very high-caliber students and their accomplishments in the relatively short time that they were with us."

Competitively selected by a

panel of seasoned AFRL mentors specializing in those space technologies considered most critical for national defense, students are matched with research opportunities at Directorate facilities located at Kirtland AFB, N.M., and at Hanscom.

This summer's research disciplines for students involved spacecraft components, infrared sensing and space weather.

Teen takes Junior golf title

by Frank Kolarik III
Patriot Golf Course

Patrick Sullivan, 14, had the kind of week all golfers dream about.

On Thursday, Sullivan's par on the first playoff hole earned him his second consecutive Junior Club Championship title.

With one title to his credit, he took the first step toward winning his first Men's Club Championship title.

His 81, 78, 159 total earned him medalists honors in the Open Division Qualifying and the number one seed for the match play rounds beginning next weekend.

Down by one stroke, David

Lefebvre made a par on the par 4 eighteenth to match Sullivan's 83 and force a sudden death playoff in the Junior Club Championship.

Lefebvre won the honors and pushed his tee shot to the right. Sullivan hit his tee shot into the left rough.

After Lefebvre was forced to punch out short of the green, Sullivan hit his second to middle of green and two-putted for par.

Lefebvre chipped up to about eight feet, but missed his par putt to the left, allowing Sullivan to win his second consecutive junior title.

Sullivan took this confidence into the weekend's club championship match play qualifying rounds.

He posted the low round on both days besting the senior club champion, Frank Kolarik Jr. by three shots.

Paul Peters, who tied for fourth, said "This weekend was about getting into the top eight. Next week will be interesting because anything can happen in match play."

Flo Peters shot a pair of 88s to win the women's club championship.

"The course was in excellent condition. The greens, in particular, were fast and putting very true," stated Ms. Peters.

She felt her short game was the key to her success.

Mary Murphy finished second in the women's championship.

Frank Kolarik Jr. won his third consecutive senior title with Bob Lynn finishing second.

Laura Gray won the ladies net division while Raymond Lane took the men's net title.



photo by Linda LaBonte Britt

Patrick Sullivan tees off during the annual Junior Club Championship recently held at the Patriot Golf Course.

AFCEA to hold golf tournament

by Kevin Gilmartin
ESC Public Affairs

The Lexington-Concord Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will hold its Fall Golf Tournament on two courses at Juniper Hills Country Club in Southborough, Mass., Sept. 18.

There will be two formats of play to provide the widest opportunity for participation, according to Claire Goulet, chapter vice president for operations and administration.

A shotgun format will begin at 9 a.m. on the Riverside Course and tee times will start at 7:30 a.m. on the Lakeside Course.

Reservations for each course will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

An awards dinner will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Juniper Hills Country Club.

The method of play will be a scramble and modified team best ball. Golfers should specify their preference on their registration form.

Cost for government employees and military members is \$50 for chapter members and \$70 for nonmembers. The nonmember fee includes a one-year membership to AFCEA.

The purpose of the tournament is to raise funds for the chapter fellowship and ROTC awards programs.

To obtain a registration form, contact Ms. Goulet at (781) 221-1580.

Golf course announces scores

Women's Club Championship

Flo Peters 88, 88, 176
Mary Murphy 102, 92, 194
Wendy Rudner 104, 100, 204
Maureen Sullivan 113, 109, 222
Cheryl Murphy, 120, 111, 231
Jane Arnold 119, 117, 236
Laura Gray 127, 116, 243

Men's Open Qualifying

Pat Sullivan 81, 78, 159
Frank Kolarik Jr. 83, 79, 162
Bryan Donlan 83, 84, 167
Ned Chaney 87, 81, 168
Paul Peter 82, 86, 168
Joseph Monternaro 90, 80, 170
Joseph Callahan 85, 85, 170

Bob Lynn 84, 86, 170
Jim Sickler 86, 86, 172
Steve Gaska 84, 88, 172
William Fitzpatrick 89, 84, 173
Michael Glynn 84, 90, 174

The following are the start times and teams scheduled for the match play rounds.

Men's Championship

Saturday's Match Play Pairings

☐ Sullivan vs. Lynn at 8 a.m.
☐ Kolarik vs. Calahan at 8:08 a.m.
☐ Donlon vs. Montanaro at 8:16 a.m.
☐ Chaney vs. Peters at 8:24 a.m.

Deployments are stressful on both the deployed member and the family left at home. The Air Force is making it easier by setting up a web site so they can meet at the ...

Crossroads

by Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller
Air Force Print News

Washington — Job banks, chat rooms, video teleconferencing and telecommuting opportunities are just some of the features found on the Air Force Crossroads Web site.

The site, at www.afcrossroads.com pools Web resources from across the Air Force and Department of Defense into a single location and provides a virtual community atmosphere where visitors can participate in bulletin board discussions, chat rooms, post resumes online or search for information on a variety of topics.

Originally developed in 1997 to meet the growing need for family and community resource information, Crossroads underwent a redesign to update the site for changing family and community priorities in 1998. The Air Force Community Action Information Board adopted the Crossroads Web site as the Air Force's official family and community Web site March 21.

Designed to support the mobile military lifestyle, Crossroads provides services and content for all members of the Air Force community including civilians, reserve and guard members, retirees, and the family members of each.

"Crossroads is a live site with information updated daily to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide," said Stefanie Myers, community programs assistant for the Air Force Family Matters Office.

The site is divided into 16 channels featuring a calendar of events, communication center, a resource center, and information centers on casualty and loss, Department of Defense installations, education, elder care, employment, family separation and readiness, finance, leisure, medical and dental, parenting and relocation.

According to Ms. Myers, the DoD installation channel, with its listing of 300 bases worldwide, is the most popular section on the site.

"It provides an easy, one-step process to research DoD installations with a complete photo gallery of each installation and allows visitors to research information on local communities as well," she said.

Capt. Walter Plush, commander, 28th Communications Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D., has used the site to get information on different bases, their support agencies, the climate, and for planning assignments, he said. "It's helped make my transitions much smoother."

For Krista Dupes, a military spouse at Bolling AFB in Washington D.C., the installation guide became a lesson in geography for her school-aged children. "When my husband took a remote assignment to Korea, I used the site to show the kids where daddy was stationed, and to help them learn about that country," she said.

Through Crossroads, Air Force leadership is committed to supporting initiatives designed to enhance the quality of life for Air Force families.

"This Web site is a great tool for Air Force families to get information on a variety of issues that affect the family," said Lt. Gen. William Begert, assistant vice chief of staff. "Three years ago, on my last overseas assignment, this site didn't exist and the best information I could get came from a foreign site. Now, if I were to get an overseas assignment, I have a one-stop shopping place that is clearly targeted at my interests, my family's interests and it's very easy to use."

Data gathered from a cross-section of family and community agencies determines what information the new site will provide to our Air Force community, Ms. Myers said.

In the site's state-of-the-art communication center, chat

rooms-which should be available by the end of the year-will offer deployed service members and their families a new, and affordable, way to communicate.

"The chat rooms are still being developed, but they're just a small part of what Crossroads has to offer," Ms. Myers said.

Frequent relocation can impact families financially and socially. To ease the financial burden of moving, the Crossroads' employment section offers a database where family members can search for jobs at their new location, and post their resumes online.

"We understand the tremendous burden placed on the careers of non-military spouses," Ms. Myers said. "By the end of summer we hope to have the online opportunities section up and running to assist spouses, especially those overseas, to keep their jobs when relocating and telecommute to work every day from their new location."

For parents concerned about their child's education, the educational resources section has a listing of DoD Dependent Schools complete with performance evaluations. Other resources available under this heading include scholarship information for college-bound students, resources for special needs families, and resources for home-schooling families.

"I home school my kids and have found some of the best links on Crossroads," Dupes said. "I've found all kinds of activities, from math worksheets to crafts, to use to reinforce lessons."

The site, while extensive in content, is still in the development stages. Air Force Crossroads will expand to offer a global spouse network, a recipe section, a pet center, and an online swap shop.

"This is a great initiative," General Begert said. "The real shame would be if people need information, want information, but don't know this site exists."

Stand Down

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same time,” said Senior Airman Kerry Trombly of the 66th ABW command section. “It really made me think a lot. I wish we could do more for them.”

Senior Master Sgt. Guy Case of the 66th Mission Support Squadron noted that the veterans didn’t seem angry at all, despite their circumstances.

“You could tell they were down, that they had needs, but none of them seemed disgruntled,” he said.

A number of Hanscom volunteers noted that many of the homeless were younger than they’d expected, and several volunteers were surprised by the number of women. They all felt that there was real value in their efforts, and that the veterans liked seeing the volunteers in uniform. In many cases, it also made the volunteers feel fortunate.

“When you see people like them, it really makes you thankful for what you have,” said Staff Sgt. Tammy Thompson of the Electronic Systems Center’s Intelligence Division.

The concept of a Stand Down comes from the military practice of removing exhausted combat units from the field of combat to a place of relative safety where they can rest and recover.

The three ultimate goals are: to help homeless veterans obtain permanent housing; to assist attendees in establishing a source of income either through employment or benefits; and to stabilize participants’ health conditions.

The Stand Down is organized by the Veterans Benefits Clearinghouse Inc., a nonprofit community-based organization founded in 1979 to assist veterans in need.

In all, more than 400 volunteers participated in the event. Heather French, Miss America 2000, was among the volunteers. Ms. French kicked off the event with a speech Aug. 11. The daughter of a disabled Vietnam veteran, Ms. French has made helping homeless veterans a priority.

AWACS (from page 1) —

technology using Microsoft’s Internet Explorer eXtensible Markup Language (XML) capable web browser, at no cost to the user, according to Chief Carvalho.

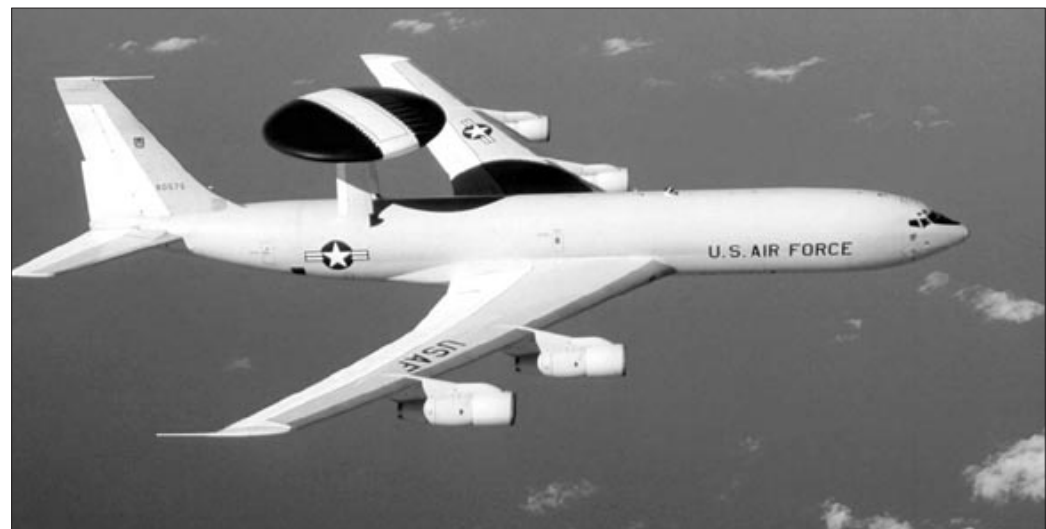
The chief estimates that buying a specialized software viewer would have cost the AWACS program office \$2.5 million just to get the initial version up and running. Because the vast majority of Air Force and supporting contractors use Windows based computers and most of them already have Internet Explorer 5.0 installed, all authorized users need to view E-3 electronic technical manuals is a user account and password.

Once inside, navigating through the complex technical orders is as simple as surfing your favorite web page. Users simply click on hyper linked text to bring the topic they are looking for right to their fingertips.

Bringing the information where the user needs it is one of this system’s strengths. The files are being deployed in a variety of ways to make accessing needed information lightning fast no matter where the user happens to be.

“Others use CD-ROMs as a viewing media,” said Chief Carvalho. “We use an online system as a primary viewing mechanism with CDs as a backup.”

At Elmendorf, the base’s intranet server “pulls” files from a main site. Wing users access this local server, which eliminates the need to wait for data to pass through various Internet bottlenecks, the chief explained. It also enhances security by keeping the system within the base’s firewall. Soon, if crew chiefs need to access technical data while on



file photo

E-3 Sentry in flight

the flightline, they will be able to use rugged laptops with all the manuals residing on the hard drive.

To further facilitate accessibility, users can access a separate server while away from their home station. “I can log on from anywhere in the world,” said the chief.

This system eliminates the majority of the paper involved in the technical order process, but it is not completely paperless. “There are still some who need paper copies,” said Chief Carvalho. “Now we can send electronic files directly to the Government Printing Office, which is a huge savings in time. We have already cut 60 percent from the processing time needed to make modifications to existing manuals and will reduce that even further.”

The Chief expects to save more than

\$500,000 per year in acquiring, sustaining and printing technical orders. Over time the actual savings will be higher.

This system is scheduled to be operational for the 961st Airborne Aircraft Control Squadron at Kadena AB, Japan, by the end of September. The 552nd Airborne Control Wing at Tinker is slated to begin using the system in the first week of October.

The process developed to produce E-3 electronic technical manuals could easily be applied to other systems or any large collection of reference documents. “This technology could be used to make almost any document instantly accessible and ultimately save the Air Force a lot of money,” said the Chief.

For more information or to request an account call Chief Carvalho at DSN 478-5861 or email lee.carvalho@hanscom.af.mil

Today**Military Personnel Flight closed**

The 66th Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight will be closed for business for remodeling today.

Normal business will resume Monday at 7:30 a.m. However, the Customer Service Unit will remain open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to process identification cards and offer its standard services.

This remodeling will "right size" the MPF working environment and enhance both customer support and work center productivity.

Also, except for the Customer Service Office (ID Cards and Records), the MPF will be closed to business for in-house training each Wednesday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 30.

This training will help fulfill the personnel community's vision to ensure the flight is trained and equipped to provide the highest quality service to the customers.

If you need emergency assistance, stop by the Customer Service Unit in Bldg. 1305, first floor, or call 377-3513 or 377-2277.

Saturday**Physical exams for children**

If you have children attending summer camp, enrolling into summer or fall sports, or attending kindergarten this fall then the 66th Medical Group has a deal for you.

This summer, the 66th Medical Group will be sponsoring four weekend physical exam schedules to help meet your children's needs.

Continuing Saturday, the Hanscom Clinic will offer physical exam appointments from 8 a.m. to noon for children four years and older.

If you are in TRICARE Prime and want to take advantage of this offer, then phone 377-7059 and push one to schedule your appointment.

Tuesday**Government-wide Purchase Card Program Training**

A cardholder training class will be held Tuesday at 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A billing official training class will be held Wednesday at 8 a.m. to noon.

To reserve seats, sign-up on the Center-Net at <http://esc.hanscom.af.mil/PKO> or call 377-3085.

Wednesday**Dance lessons**

The Carolina Shag, a style of swing dancing that originated in South Carolina, will be taught at the Officers' Club Wednesday and Aug. 30.

The lesson begins at 7 p.m. and practice runs until 10 p.m.

No partner necessary, this is a social form of dancing.

For information, contact Austin Goodan (603) 889-4589.

Thursday**Retirement ceremony**

There will be a retirement ceremony in honor of Master Sgt. Alan F. Holmes Thursday at 2 p.m. at the "M" Bldg. Atrium at

Mitre Corporation, Bedford, Mass.

Dress will be uniform of the day for military and business dress for civilians. A reception will follow.

For information, call Steve Lewis at 186-6055.

Upcoming and Weeklies**Deployment positions available**

The Military Personnel Flight is seeking volunteers to support upcoming contingency TDY deployment requirements to Saudi Arabia.

There are five slots available for the next 45-day deployment for individuals to perform duties as a third country national escort with a projected departure date of Oct. 10.

These opportunities are open to staff sergeants and below, and all Air Force specialties are eligible to apply.

These will be filled on a first come, first served basis, and volunteers must have supervisor and unit commander approval.

All eligible NCOs and airmen are encouraged to consider volunteering for this opportunity to see the Air Force from the "warfighters" perspective.

Contact Master Sgt. Christopher Thuma or Staff Sgt. Lawrence Chagnon at 377-3080 or 377-7976 for information, or stop by Bldg. 1305, second floor.

Band schedule

The Air Force Band of Liberty's Summer 2000 schedule has been announced. The next five concerts are listed below.

□ Artpark Main Theater, Lewiston, N.Y., Wednesday at 7 p.m.

□ Vitale Park, Livonia, N.Y., Thursday at 6 p.m.

□ E. Dent Lackey Plaza, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.

□ LaSalle Park, Buffalo, N.Y., Aug. 26 at 7 p.m.

□ Chautauqua Amphitheater, Chautauqua, N.Y., Aug. 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Lexington-Bedford-Hanscom Raiders football and cheerleading program

The season is about to begin and there are still openings for boys and girls ages 7 to 15.

Sign-ups will be held at Hayden Lower Field in Lexington starting Aug. 1 at 6 p.m.

Practice will run the whole month of August, Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

After Labor Day, practices will move to Hanscom Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 862-4937, e-mail at LBHRAider@aol.com or visit www.lbhpop-warner.com.

The Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program

The Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program is available to the Hanscom community.

WIC provides free food and nutrition information to help keep pregnant women, infants and children under five healthy and strong.

Although the WIC van no longer visits the base, full services are still available at the following locations:

□ Chelmsford Street in Lowell, Monday

through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For directions call (978) 454-6397.

□ Waltham's WIC office is located at the Deaconess Hospital, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 12:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For directions call (781) 647-6508.

To find out about eligibility or to make an appointment, call one of these offices.

National Space Club scholarship contest

The National Space Club is soliciting entries for the Robert H. Goddard Historical Essay Award.

Essays may explore any significant aspect of the historical development of rocketry and astronautics, and will be judged on their originality and scholarship.

They cannot be more than 5,000 words long, fully reference and must be submitted by Dec. 1.

The prize is a plaque and \$1,000 award.

For information, contact the Goddard Historical Essay Contest, c/o National Space Club, 2000 L Street NW, Suite 710, Washington, D.C., 20036.

Old Crows golf tournament

The Association of Old Crows will be holding a golf tournament this fall at Wentworth by the Sea in Rye, N.H., Sept. 25 with sign-in at 7 a.m.

The shotgun start will be at 7:30 a.m. with a buffet at 2 p.m.

Format is four-person scramble.

Price is \$125 industry and \$75 govern-

ment.

For information or to sign-up, contact Phil LaVallo at 377-5533 or (603) 893-0897, or Mike Sweat at 685-4845.

Tax help offered

The tax section of the Retiree Activities Office remains open to assist tax payers who either filed for a delay, need to amend returns already filed or have received letters from the IRS mandating a revision to the original return.

Assistance is by appointment only.

For information, call 3-2476.

Voting Assistance line established

A voting assistance line has been established at 377-VOTE (8683) to help potential voters get registered.

Anyone who has a question or problem can call the line and leave a message including their name and phone number. A voting counselor will call you back by the next business day.

CFC road race and fun walk

The Greater Boston Federal Executive Board will sponsor the fifth annual 5K Road Race and Fun Walk to benefit the nation's largest workplace charitable campaign, the Combined Federal Campaign, Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The race will start and end at the Lee Pool on the Charles River.

Registration materials are attached and can also be obtained from the GBFEB website at <http://www.boston.feb.gov>.

Colonial*Theater*

Saturday 1:30 p.m. -- CHICKEN RUN - At Tweedy's Chicken Farm any chicken who doesn't make her egg quota can meet a "fowl" fate. But Ginger and her fellow flock are determined to break out before they can be fried, filleted or fricasseed. Trapped behind barbed wire, fearing for their very lives, Rocky, Ginger, Bunty, Babs and Fowler hatch a desperate plan to fly the coop. G 83 minutes Animated

Saturday 7:30 p.m. -- THE PERFECT STORM - Based on a true story, the film tells of the courageous men and women who risk their lives every working day, pitting their fishing boats and rescue vessels against the capricious forces of nature. Their worst fears are realized at sea one fateful autumn, when they are confronted by three raging weather fronts which collide to produce the greatest, fiercest and most destructive storm in modern history. PG-13 (language and scenes of peril) 130 minutes Starring: George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg



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Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 3-7940 for movie information.

Fitness Enhancement

❑ **Guide to your healthy heart** (video) will be shown at the HAWC Wednesday starting at noon.

This video teaches viewers how to reduce their risk of coronary heart disease. It describes the primary controllable risk factors of heart disease: high blood cholesterol, smoking, high blood pressure, lack of exercise, obesity, diabetes and stress and how to minimize the effects of each.

Registration is not required.

❑ **Fat facts and fantastic fiber** will be held at the HAWC Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m.

Boost the level of fiber in your diet while reducing the fat. Learn the facts and benefits of becoming fat fiber conscious. Improve your nutrition naturally.

Call 377-6560 to register.

❑ **Why weight?** will be held at the HAWC Friday from 11 a.m. to noon.

This class will help you discover the key to effective weight management. Topics will include the importance of aerobic and anaerobic exercise; how to effectively increase your calorie expenditure; safety and progression of exercise; committing yourself to a program; and what to do if you "fall off the wagon."

Call 377-6560 to register.

❑ **A pre-natal class** will be held at the HAWC Wednesday at 11 a.m. to noon.

This class will answer many questions of parents-to-be, enabling them to formulate a list of concerns to discuss with their physician, and promote a happier, healthier pregnancy. Recommended for women in their first trimester.

Call 377-6560 to register

Work and life

❑ **Change management** will be held at the Family Support Center Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rich Catrambone will discuss how to effectively manage job and life change, techniques for coping with and thriving through change, and how to ultimately turn change into opportunity and take back control of our own lives.

Call 377-4222 to register.

Relocation

❑ **Newcomers "T" adventure** will take place at the Family Support Center Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Newcomers are invited to a fun, informational seminar to find out what is going on at Hanscom and in Boston.

Afterward, ride into Boston with us using the "T."

All you'll need is an adventurous spirit and \$4 for bus and subway fares.

You can bring a lunch or purchase one downtown.

This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing; newly arrived service members do not have to take leave to attend.

Call 377-4222 to register.

Employment

❑ **A resume critique clinic** will be held at the Family Support Center Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Employment assistance specialists and group attendees will openly review resumes.

This is an opportunity to get feedback on work and to learn from others.

Class is limited to six. Bring your lunch.

Call 377-4222 to register.

Hanscom schools

❑ The Lincoln Public Schools Hanscom Integrated Preschool Program, which is moving to the Hartwell Building on the Lincoln campus in September, will be holding a lottery drawing of names for the few remaining slots for preschoolers in the Integrated Preschool for the school year 2000 to 2001.

The lottery will be held Aug. 31, at 9 a.m. at the Hartwell Building in Lincoln.

Children need to be three years old by Dec. 1 to be eligible.

Preference for enrollment will be given to siblings of

children who are currently enrolled or who have been enrolled in the Integrated Preschool.

Contact Alison Adkins, Integrated Preschool coordinator, at 259-9402 with your child's name, age, address and phone number to be added to the list of interested families.

Families are welcome to attend the lottery drawing, but there is no need to be present.

The Integrated Preschool Program provides an inclusive setting for educating Hanscom preschool children with identified special needs with their typically developing peers.

Education Center, Bldg. 1728, 377-2021

❑ **The Education Office testing policy** requires students to arrive on time for scheduled test sessions.

It is the student's responsibility to report on time and our responsibility to ensure the students in the room are not disturbed by interruptions.

Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the test room. All students taking exams should arrive at least 15 minutes before test time. Doors will close at 8 a.m. for the morning session and again at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.

All exams start at 8 a.m., individuals should arrive by 7:45 a.m.

For information or schedule exams, call Education Services at 377-3120.

Thrift Shop, 274-8079

❑ The Minuteman Thrift Shop's normal business hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales and consignments.

The Minuteman Thrift Shop is currently accepting summer-weight clothing for consignment.

For information, call the Thrift Shop at 274-8079.

Air Force Sergeants Association

❑ The Air Force Sergeants' Association, with over 150,000 members, is undoubtedly the recognized "Voice of the Enlisted" on Capitol Hill.

Just recently, AFSA has worked to restore the 50 percent retirement system for those under the REDUX plan, increase pay and allowances for enlisted members, protect cost-of living adjustments and improve education and TRICARE benefits.

Even if you can't be actively involved, you should still be a member and support AFSA's goals, which is to better our pay and benefits.

Chapter 161 also promotes camaraderie and welfare of the enlisted on Hanscom through sponsoring enlisted awards and various events.

You are encouraged to come on out and join us at our monthly meetings every fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Center.

For questions, email karl.vanbiene@hanscom.af.mil.

Patriot Enlisted Association

❑ The PEA is an open forum for technical sergeant's and below to discuss ideas and issues as peers. We foster teamwork, camaraderie for each other and the Hanscom community so we can make the difference happen. As a body of peers we can put a voice to housing, community involvement, and Quality of Life issues to the ESC command chief master sergeant.

For information contact Staff Sgt. Chris Kanski at 377-4923 or e-mail Chris.Kanski@hanscom.af.mil.

Patriot Senior NCO Association

❑ The association is a professional membership association for senior noncommissioned officers, active duty and retired.

The group actively supports the men and women of Hanscom and the surrounding communities. The Top Three also serves as a base network for problem solving and encourages comradeship.

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month at the Enlisted Club.

For information, call Master Sgt. Maureen Garrison, 377-2283.

Company Grade Officers' Council

❑ The Company Grade Officers' Council is made up of all lieutenants and captains in the Air Force. You need not do anything to become a member - you are one by default. How much you participate in this organization is up to you.

The CGOC tries to get involved in a wide variety of activities from community service and social gatherings to professional military development. So, if you're interested in any of this, come to one of the meetings.

For information, contact the CGOC Executive Board: 2nd Lt. Jeremy Miller, president, 377-1668; 2nd Lt. Malcolm Mangels, vice president, 377-8384; - 2nd Lt. Sarah Kreps, executive officer 377-6933; 2nd Lt. Liane Witt, assistant executive officer, 377-4704 and 2nd Lt. Kyle Oyama, treasurer, 271-1186 Ext. 8391.

Officers' Wives' Club

❑ The Officers' Wives' Club invites those eligible officers' spouses to become members.

This club hosts a monthly meeting for social and service purposes. In addition, numerous activity groups are offered to members such as bridge, bowling, bunco, mah-jong and book and garden clubs.

For membership information call Paula Butler at 274-9075.

For activities information call Susan Neuzil at 274-9110.

Enlisted Wives' Club

❑ The Enlisted Wives' Club invites all spouses of active duty and retired enlisted personnel, as well as all enlisted personnel, to attend the monthly membership meeting, the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Patriot Enlisted Club. The club is a diverse group of people sharing community activities and social events.

For information contact Amanda Andersen, president at 274-0697 or Lois LeFleur, vice president at 274-8110.

Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

❑ **Catholic Masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.

❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.

❑ **For information** on Chapel services, call 377-3538 or 377-3539.

Chapel Events

Religious Education classes

Religious education classes will begin Sept. 10.

Registration for classes will take place at the Chapel.

The Catholic community will register students from age 4 through high school before and after Mass on the following days: Saturday, Sunday, Aug. 27 and Sept. 2, 3, 9 and 10.

The Protestant community will register students age 4 through high school beginning Sunday.

Registration forms will be available on the Chapel easels and in the Annex.

For information on the religious education programs or registration dates, call the Chapel at 377-3538.

Chapel schedule changes

Below is the new Chapel schedule which will come into effect Sept. 1.

❑ **Catholic Masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 and 11 a.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. Religious Education, Sundays at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Religious Education, Sundays at 11 a.m. to noon

❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

What's Happening

Hanscom Lanes

Fall and winter leagues will form soon and league play will begin the week of Sept. 11.

Sign up now at Hanscom Lanes. For information call 377-2237.

Bike giveaway set for Sept. 1

The Junior's Summer Bowl continues and is open to all youth up to 18 years.

Membership fee is \$10. For every 30 games bowled, enter one chance to win a new bike.

A girl's and boy's bike will be given away Sept. 1.

Patriot Golf Course

Need to work on your golf game?

Then call us at 687-2396 for details.

Looking for that special gift for the golfer in your life? Stop by our Golf Shop for a price that's right.

Don't forget to show your Preferred Plus membership card to save even more.

Air Force Marathon

The fourth annual Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Sept. 16.

Open to all individual runners, walkers, relay runners, teams and wheelchair athletes.

For information call the Fitness Center at 377-3639, log onto the marathon website at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (800) 467-1823.

Family Child Care

Do you love working with children? Would you like to operate your own business out of your home?

If your answer is yes, then becoming a Family Child Care Provider is for you.

Call Julie at 377-1695 for information.

Patriot Enlisted Club

Steak night is every Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Join us for Wednesday night buffet from 5 to 7 p.m.

Preferred Plus members don't forget to show your card and receive a 10 percent discount.

Join us in the Tuskegee Room Thursday for a Mongolian barbecue from 5 to 7 p.m.

\$7.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children ages 6 to 12.

BINGO will remain closed during the month of August and play will resume Sept. 11.

Base pool prepares for winter

The pool will close Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. to prepare for the fall and winter season.

Look for the reopening on or around October 1.

Mini-golf will close Sept. 4

Sept. 4 is the last day of the season for the mini-golf complex.

Preferred Plus! offers more than discounts

by Joan Barnhart
66th Services Squadron

The 66th Services Squadron's Preferred Plus! Program began in April and offers more than just a 10 percent discount to members.

Each month a drawing is held for prizes valued up to \$300.

So far a DVD player was given away in April, a TV/VCR combo in May, Red Sox tickets and memorabilia in June and a \$300 gift certificate in July.

What could be any better than this? How about a mini-stereo system in August.

Preferred Plus! is an ongoing membership program. For a monthly fee (equating to club dues at either the Patriot Enlisted Club or the Minuteman Officers' Club) members will receive a 10 percent discount at participating Services activities by simply showing their Air Force Services Club Card.

Individuals who have been club members are automatically Preferred Plus! members.

Members receive a monthly newsletter, Services Spotlights, mailed directly to their home address.

Members do not have to charge on their club card to receive the discount, simply show it to the cashier at the time of purchase.

New members filling out an application receive a temporary card. In approximately 3 to 4 weeks from the time the application is processed, the new Preferred Plus! member will receive either an Air Force Club proprietary, MasterCard or Platinum MasterCard in the mail.

The discount is available at the following activities: Auto Skills Center, Bowling Center, Flight Training Center, Fam-Camp, Mini-Golf, Outdoor Recreation, Patriot Golf Course, Fourth Cliff, Enlisted Club, Officers' Club, Swimming Pool and resale merchandise at the Fitness and Sports Center.

Programs and services exempt from Preferred Plus! program are Child Development, Youth Activities, Veterinary Clinic, Lodging, Tickets and Tours and the sale of all alcohol and tobacco products.

Each month a special entry form is included in the newsletter, Spotlights. To enter the monthly drawing, drop the completed entry form off at any Services facility. The information must be completed in its entirety to be eligible. The drawing is conducted on the last work



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Electronic Systems Center's Command Chief Master Sgt. Frank W. Holmes Jr. presents July's Preferred Plus winner, Daniel Cedrone, a \$300 gift certificate to the Pheasant Lane Mall.

day of each month and the winner is contacted by phone.

For questions or information about the program, call the Services Marketing office at 377-9681.



Are you saving 10% yet?

If you're a Preferred Plus! member don't forget to fill out an entry form for the monthly drawing.

The August prize is a mini-stereo system!

Entry forms are printed in the Services' monthly newsletter, Spotlights.

If you're not a member, then stop by any Services facility and ask for an application form.

Drawings are held the last work day of each month.

For information on Preferred Plus!, call Services Marketing at 377-9681.



Join at the Enlisted Club for all the fun and excitement of Monday Night Football with Football Frenzy 2000 from 6 p.m. to midnight beginning Sept. 11.

Enter to win a chance for some great prizes and a chance to attend a regular season game, the Super Bowl or the Pro Bowl!



Trips

Majestic Maine Cruise, Saturday
Spirit of Boston, Wednesday
2000 Love Boat Theme Cruise
Splendid Newport, R.I.,
Sept. 10
New Orleans Getaway and
Myrtle Beach Escape,
Oct. 8 to 14

Amusement Parks

Six Flags, Water Country,
Roger Williams Zoo,
Hershey Park, Sesame Place,
York's Wild Animal Kingdom
and Funtown USA
Disney tickets and
museum and movie passes are
also available.

Call 377-3262

Leisure travel agent position

Part time 25 hours a week
Experience in air, cruise and tours
preferred
E.O.E.
Fax Resume to
274-6048
Attention: Hal Williamson

Help Wanted!

Child and school-age care givers
\$9.43 an hour with benefit package
Cooks
\$8.70 to \$10.24 an hour
E.O.E.
Fax resume to 377-7899
Call NAF HRO at 377-8741